



PATENT
Docket No. 313632000501

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "FIRST CLASS MAIL"

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 16, 2002.

Judy Bridgewater
Judy Bridgewater

7/B
Affirma
1/17/03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Wilhelmus Everhardus HENNINK, et al.

Serial No.: 10/020,627

Filing Date: December 6, 2001

For: HYDROLYSABLE HYDROGELS FOR
CONTROLLED RELEASE

Examiner: Edward J. Webman

Group Art Unit: 1617

RECEIVED
JAN 03 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2002 for which a response was due on 19 November 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 19 December 2002 is attached hereto along with the required fee. Accordingly, this response is considered timely filed. Claims 9-37 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.